

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it appears as though the rumored sanctions legislation dealing with Iran may not reach the floor this week. This would be good news.

It is imperative that we take this optimistic development that gives us a chance for a diplomatic resolution of the differences with Iran and prevent them from developing nuclear weapons to come to fruition. We must not give excuses to Iranian hardliners who hate America a reason to walk away. We don't want to confuse our allies, who we rely upon to make sanctions work, about our intentions.

It is imperative that we move forward aggressively, thoughtfully, to make the most out of this 6 months, using diplomacy to make sure that the majority of Iranians who recently voted for a change in direction with a relative moderate as President are re-inforced.

This is a unique moment in history. I am pleased that it looks like the House might not screw it up.

CONTINUE FUNDING HEALTH AND SCIENCE RESEARCH

(Mr. McNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a recent discovery by researchers at the University of California at Davis. Earlier this month, Professor Peter Armstrong, a professor at the university, published a new role for blood clots, absorbing bodily toxins.

Blood clots are known to be critical in protecting wounds by stopping blood flow and preventing contaminants from entering the body. Dr. Armstrong and his colleagues, knowing that lipopolysaccharide, a toxin in the body, is released during septic shock, demonstrated that this toxin is absorbed by blood clots inhibiting it from circulating within the body.

This study, funded by the National Science Foundation, brings us one step closer to understanding the human body and improving medical care. We must continue funding science and health research projects, as the next great discovery just may save your life.

DIPLOMACY WITH IRAN

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, as a Member who has consistently voted to impose sanctions on Iran, I commend Secretaries Kerry and Sherman for an excellent job in seeking to safeguard our families through tough, persistent diplomacy with Iran. We should fully support their vital efforts.

Iranian hardliners may ultimately obstruct a meaningful, permanent agreement; but we should not give them a pretext for doing so. Those here who would interfere or limit these negotiations are really offering the

American people only one alternative; it is called war. We have been there and done that before.

Military action in Iraq cost us very dearly. It did not make us safer. Let's not repeat this deadly mistake.

While difficult and uncertain, diplomacy is already eliminating chemical weapons from Syria. It represents our best hope to prevent nuclear weapons in Iran and assure the safety of our families and others around the world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JUSTICE JOHN GABBERT

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I observe the passing of Justice John Gabbert, who died Monday at the age of 104. A long-time Riverside resident, Justice Gabbert was a dedicated public servant, a key founder of UC Riverside, and a prominent leader in Riverside's expansion from a citrus-growing town into an urban center.

Justice Gabbert was 3 years old when his family moved to Riverside in 1912. After graduating from Poly High School, he stayed in the community to attend Riverside City College, where his interest in law was sparked by the infamous "Chicken Coop Murders."

In 1934, Gabbert received his law degree from UC Berkeley and returned to Riverside to serve as a county deputy district attorney. Subsequently, he worked in private practice as part of what is known as Best, Best and Krieger.

He also served as a member of the local school board. But John Gabbert is mostly known as a fine jurist. In 1949, he was appointed to be a superior court judge; and, finally, in 1970 he was appointed to be an associate justice of the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Throughout his life, John Gabbert touched the lives of so many people. He will be greatly missed.

EXTEND FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, many of us are congratulating each other over this bipartisan budget agreement, but I want to remind us that there is still some unfinished business that we need to take care of.

Unemployment is still a very real issue for our Nation and for our communities; and in my district, unemployment is as high as 16.9 percent, twice the national average.

If we fail to take immediate action and we allow this emergency unemployment insurance to expire, just in California 214,800 people alone will lose their benefits by December 28 and an additional 325,800 unemployed Cali-

fornia workers will lose their benefits in the first 6 months of the year.

This is really unacceptable. A failure to extend this critical lifeline to those in need would not only be a devastating blow for millions of American families already struggling, but it would hurt our own recovery of our economy.

Now is not the time to pull the rug out from under millions of Americans who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

Speaker BOEHNER, I urge you to do the right thing and not adjourn this House without extending Federal unemployment insurance for millions of Americans.

MEMORIAL FOR RONDAL K. MOORE

(Mr. VARGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Rondal K. Moore of Aurora, Colorado, who passed away from a stroke on November 12 at the age of 71.

Mr. Moore was born on March 25, 1942, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, the son of Clarence Delmer and Golden Viola Moore.

In 1961, Mr. Moore graduated from Wheeler County High School in Fossil, Oregon. He went on to serve in the United States Navy during the Vietnam war onboard the aircraft carrier USS *Coral Seas*, as well as duty in Rhode Island at the Naval War College.

In the spring of 1963, he married Nancy E. Heily, and on March 29 of this year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Moore began working for United Airlines in 1966 and spent decades in the field of de-icing, until retiring in 2003 after 37 years.

He held multiple patents for inventions in both information and system operations, as well as software products used in the process of de-icing. His inventions and patents are still in use today in order to help determine check time for de-icing fluids, which allows for safe travel during inclement weather.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his surviving family members, including his wife of 50 years, Nancy Moore, of Aurora, Colorado; his son, Jason Moore, of Chula Vista, California, also a Navy veteran; his daughter, Sondra LaValley, of Aurora, Colorado; and his sister, Carol Ellis, of Kennewick, Washington.

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(Ms. KUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)